

GREEN BUILDING RESOURCES

Web Resources

U.S Green Building Council (www.usgbc.org/)

The U.S. Green Building Council is the nation's foremost coalition of leaders from across the building industry working to promote buildings that are environmentally responsible, profitable and healthy places to live and work. Their web site includes information, resources and additional web links regarding sustainable building practices.

Alameda County Green Building Guidelines

(www.stopwaste.org/gbguide.html)

These guidelines are designed for professional contractors and homeowners, and offer cost effective suggestions to minimize construction-related waste, create healthier and more durable homes, reduce operating costs for homeowners and support local manufacturers and suppliers of resource-efficient building materials.

California Integrated Waste Management Board Green Building Design and Construction

(www.ciwmb.ca.gov/GreenBuilding)

This state web site offers a number of links and resources relating to green building design and construction, including a sustainable building tool kit and a review of construction projects using sustainable materials.

California Energy Commission

(www.energy.ca.gov)

The **California Energy Commission** is the state's primary energy policy and planning agency. Created by the Legislature in 1974 and located in Sacramento, the Commission has five major responsibilities: 1) Forecasting future energy needs and keeping historical energy data; 2) Licensing thermal power plants 50 megawatts or larger; 3) Promoting energy efficiency through appliance and building standards; 4) Developing energy technologies and supporting renewable energy; and 5) Planning for and directing state response to energy emergency.

Consumer Energy Center (CEC)

(www.consumerenergycenter.org)

This site provides information on consumer energy tips; information on rebates, grants, and loans; renewable energy choices and tax credits; and transportation choices.

Whole Building Design Guide

(www.wbdg.org)

This web site provides up-to-date information on integrated, "Whole Building" design techniques and technologies. The goal of "Whole Building" Design is to create a successful high-performance building.

Sustainable Buildings Industry Council (SBIC)

(www.sbicouncil.org)

This web site provides information and resources for architects and builders, and also offers information on workshops, education, and training opportunities.

Local Recycling and Material Salvage Companies

Whole House Building Supply and Salvage (www.driftwoods salvage.com)

1955 Pulgas Road
East Palo Alto, CA 94303
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This business provides salvaged construction materials from local building demolitions, including lumber, appliances, and building hardware.